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ATTN: Assistant for Treaty Affairs, Office of the Legal Adviser

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SUBJECT: Certified Copies of Exchange on Economic Aid

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There are enclosed the following documents constituting an agreement on economic assistance to be provided to Libya by the United States:

(1) Certified copy of Note dated April 4, 1956 from the American Ambassador to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Libya.

(2) Original Arabic text of a Note, Number 307, dated April 4, 1956 from the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Libya to the American Ambassador.

(3) Translation of item (2) on reproducible mat.

The Embassy has retained certified copies of items (1) and (2) for its files.

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John L. Tappin
American Ambassador

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TRANSLATION

United Kingdom of Libya
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Tripoli, April 4, 1956
No: 307

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform you that I have received Your Excellency's Note of today's date in which you set forth the measures which Your Government is prepared to take as further assistance in the direction of meeting Libya's needs.

In reply thereto I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya accepts this offer of yours and agrees that the arrangements outlined in your note constitute a general basis to proceed with the negotiation of the agreements which will determine the increase in economic assistance and the presentation of the arms and the relief wheat.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

/S/ Mustafa Ben Halim

Mustafa Ben Halim
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency
The Honorable John L. Tappin,
Ambassador of the United States of America
In Libya,
Tripoli.

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I, Arthur B. Allen, Consul of the United States of America
ripoli, Libya, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify
the annexed copy of a Note dated April 4, 1956 from the American
sador to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of
nited Kingdom of Libya is a true and faithful copy of the signed
al, the same having been carefully examined by me and compared
he said original and found to agree therewith word for word and
for figure.

WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
the Embassy of the United States of America at Tripoli, Libya
rth day of May, 1956.

Arthur B. Allen
Consul of the United States of America

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Excellency:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government has considered your letter of February 18, 1956, setting forth Libya's estimate of its economic development requirements. While the United States Government cannot be considered as having assumed a responsibility to finance the plan set forth in your letter, in whole or in any assured part, it is prepared to take the following steps to assist further in meeting Libya's needs:

(1) Within the general framework of this estimate, the United States Government is prepared to grant before July 1, 1956, economic aid to Libya in the amount of five million dollars for development projects to be agreed on, in addition to four million dollars from special purpose funds already transferred to Libya during the present fiscal year.

(2) As Your Excellency is aware, the United States Government has approved a grant of five thousand tons of relief wheat, in addition to seven thousand two hundred tons now in the process of being shipped, thereby raising to twenty-five thousand tons the amount of relief wheat furnished in United States fiscal year 1956.

(3) The United States Government is prepared, subject to legislative action by the Congress, to make available seven million dollars in economic aid to Libya between July 1, 1956, and June 30, 1957.

His Excellency

Mustafa Ben Halim,

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

of the United Kingdom of Libya.

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This amount would be in addition to four million dollars from special purpose funds already promised in a Note from the American Charge d'Affaires ad interim dated September 9, 1954.

(4) The United States Government is prepared to consider in accordance with law provision of up to twenty-five thousand tons of relief wheat to Libya between July 1, 1956, and June 30, 1957.

(5) These actions are being considered by the United States Government in implementation of its commitment of 1954 to give sympathetic consideration to the economic needs of Libya in the light of the traditional friendship between the two Governments and in the light of the progress already made.

(6) The United States Government will continue in the future to determine under its commitment of 1954 the extent to which it can contribute to the economic development of Libya after United States Fiscal Year 1957 and the actions of the Libyan Government as well as the progress achieved in economic development will continue strongly to influence the decision of the United States Government.

(7) The United States Government is prepared between July 1, 1956, and June 30, 1957, subject to legislative action by the Congress, to assist the Libyan Government to expand the Libyan Army to the extent of one thousand men by providing such equipment as may be considered necessary after a United States military survey team has evaluated its requirements; and the United States Government is sympathetic with Libya's future needs in relation to internal security and will hope to continue to cooperate in this field.

If the foregoing offer of assistance is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya, my Government proposes that detailed arrangements under which such assistance could be provided

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be negotiated as soon as practicable. This note and Your Excellency's reply accepting it may be considered as constituting a general basis for proceeding with the offers outlined in sub-paragraphs (1) through (7) above.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

John L. Tappin

American Embassy,

Tripoli, April 4, 1956.